

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The invention provides a control apparatus for starting
application software on a computer, which can consolidate a
variety of application interfaces and address a user's needs.
The control apparatus includes an application start portion for
starting one or more specified applications, an application
registration portion for registering information relating to
started applications as one group, an application start
10 information storage portion for storing information for starting
a registered application, and an application group start portion
for searching the application start information storage portion
based on an entered symbol and starting one or more corresponding
applications. Usually, applications are started and terminated
15 through an operating system, but with the present invention,
they are started and terminated through a control window.